

REMARKS

The foregoing amendment is submitted in further response to the outstanding Office Action dated February 5, 2007, and to the Advisory Action mailed June 12, 2007.

The Advisory Action indicates that the amendment submitted June 5, 2007 has not been entered because the revision to Claim 4 (discussed during the interview) altered the scope of the claim, and includes limitations not previously considered. In addition, the Advisory Action also indicates that Claim 9 does not include all the limitations of the intervening claims.

With regard to the latter comment concerning Claim 9, Applicants note that item 3 on page 3 of the Office Action dated February 5, 2007 indicates that Claim 9 is directed to allowable subject matter, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In the amendment filed June 5, 2007, the last paragraph of Claim 4 (as it existed at the time of the February 5, 2007 Office Action, from which Claim 9 previously depended, indirectly) was inadvertently omitted. By the foregoing amendment, that limitation has been reinserted.

Applicants note that Claim 9 as it existed at the time of the February 5, 2007 Office Action depended directly from Claim 8, which had been cancelled. Accordingly, in rewriting Claim 9, Applicants incorporated the limitations of

Claim 6, which were identical to the limitations recited in Claim 8. Although Claim 8 depended from Claim 7 (which in turn depended from Claim 6, etc.), after reviewing the limitations contained in Claim 7, Applicants have concluded that they were not necessary to the allowability of the subject matter of Claim 9, since they were otherwise unrelated to anything contained in Claim 9, or in Claims 4 and 6. Accordingly, those limitations have been omitted from Claim 9 as set forth above. Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 9 as amended is allowable in the form contained in the foregoing amendment, for the same reasons that Claim 9 was previously indicated to contain allowable subject matter.

Applicants also note that a Request for Continued Examination has been submitted concurrently herewith.

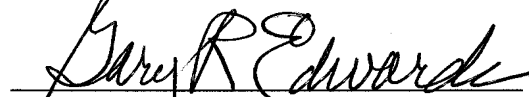
In light of the foregoing remarks, this application should be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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